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5 ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a method of identifying one or more secondary drug targets and their use in the identification of drug or drug candidates, particularly for the treatment of cancer. The yeast-based synthetic lethal screens were used to functionally identify and validate new gene targets to kill tumor cells with defects in cell cycle checkpoints and damage response pathways. These newly identified gene targets can be used to develop new cancer chemotherapeutics.